

Comments on Funding

Comments by organisations, groups and individuals listed alphabetically under each of the headings identified as the main issues raised in the responses to the consultation.

Ad-hoc Women's Policy Group - Core funding for the women's community and voluntary sector with a time scale that allows for continuity in projects and in staff.. We also believe that it is important to have departmental budget lines dedicated to gender equality, both so that departments can meet their commitments and also to make it easier for the voluntary and community sector to apply for funding.

Communist Party of Ireland - Northern Area Committee - The "Women Sector" should be given more financial stability.

Disability Action - Importantly the draft fails to commit the resources necessary to fulfil even its limited actions.

EHSSB - Resourcing the strategy needs more attention.. Gender Equality Action Plans also need adequate resourcing given the competing priorities with government.

Falls Women's Centre/Ionad Mhna Na bhFal - The lack of understanding, coupled with pledges to support male and female victims of such violence has serious implications for the resourcing of women's organisations..

The Men's Project - What funding has been spent/is going to be spent on establishing men's support projects?

Northern Ireland Women's Coalition - It fails also to attach adequate financial resources..

Soroptimist International of Northern Ireland - There is no budget allocation and it is even more worrying that departments are only being asked to bid for funds where they have identified specific gender equality initiatives.. This strategy should compel action on gender inequalities from Government and all its departments and the resources should be in place to carry it through.

South and East Belfast Trust - and it is disappointing to note that there will be no specific budget for implementing this strategy and action plan.

Training for Women Network - the decline of the women's sector will be counter-productive to any of the goals set out by this strategy. A cross-departmental funding strategy directly to women's organisations in the community would be a vital action point for any gender equality strategy.

Wise Men of the East Network - Valid claims by men's groups for funding

Women's Resource and Development Agency and the Rural Women's Networks - Gender Matters has ignored the fact that the women's sector is currently in crisis due to funding uncertainty. A commitment to provide core funding for this sector is vital...

Women's Support Network - A simplified strategy, with clear targets and with resources specified to meet those targets, would have a better chance . and more

chance of being implemented and monitored... uncertain nature of funding for the women's sector. a large degree of disillusionment in discussing many issues.